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Dear Mr. Neimark:

This is in response to your letter received 03 February 2003 inquiring about the status of U.S. patent application 09/830,954 filed 03 May 2001. USPTO records show that the "RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE" filed 12 August 2002 has been received in the Office. The application is currently in the U.S. Designated/Elected Office and an Office action will soon be issued. All further inquiries about the status of this application may be addressed to DO/EO/US Supervisor Donna Greene at telephone number (703) 305-3619 or to Examiner Shelby Vigil at telephone number (703) 305-3653.

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